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Publications

The Materials Branch produces a variety of print and multimedia resources, including student guides, teacher training manuals, simplified readers, and visual aids, which explore themes ranging from teaching methodology to culture, grammar, and geography. These materials are excellent additions to English language resource centers and will enliven conversation clubs or English summer youth camps. Teachers who wish to supplement their English teaching with topics in American studies will find many of these resources invaluable.

The Materials Branch in the Office of English Language Programs offers a range of print and electronic resources that support high-quality English language instruction worldwide. A catalog of our print titles is available on the websites above; we also offer a growing number of free downloadable resources, such as *English Teaching Forum*. Print copies may be requested by contacting the Public Affairs or Cultural Affairs Section of the nearest U.S. Embassy. The Materials Branch also provides teacher training through distance education programs and supports learners with cutting-edge online initiatives.

English Teaching Forum

English Teaching Forum is a peer-reviewed quarterly journal for and by classroom teachers of English as a foreign or second language. Currently celebrating its 50th anniversary, *Forum* has over 85,000 readers worldwide. Issues dating back to 1993 are available for download at forum.state.gov.

Downloadable Titles englishprograms.state.gov

- ***The Lighter Side of TEFL***: a collection of language riddles, puzzles, and games from *English Teaching Forum*
- ***Sing Out Loud: Children's Songs* and *Traditional Songs***: 26 classic songs accompanied by audio files, lyrics, and posters
- ***The Ladder Series in Audio***: simplified readers available in text and audiobook format; includes works by Mark Twain, Jack London, Stephen Crane, Edgar Allen Poe, and O. Henry
- ***Raggedy Ann Stories***: 13 short stories in text and audiobook format; an ideal reader for beginning or younger learners
- ***Shaping the Way We Teach English***: a unique multimedia training program for teachers of all learner levels

Forthcoming Publications

- ***Activate: Games for Learning American English***: a portable kit that includes language learning board games, playing cards, and other gaming resources that teachers can easily reproduce. A manual with teaching ideas is included
- ***American Themes***: an anthology of contemporary teen literature with supporting activities and a teacher's guide
- ***Create to Communicate: Art Activities for EFL***: a teacher's reference with step-by-step lesson plans for teaching through mixed media art projects; ideal for young learners
- ***Sing Out Loud: Using Music in the Classroom***: a teacher's guide that highlights the value of music in the EFL classroom; includes activities for use with the *Sing Out Loud* CD series
- ***Sing Out Loud: American Rhythms***: the third CD in the *Sing Out Loud* series showcases a variety of popular genres and features culturally and linguistically interesting lyrics
- ***Celebrate! Holidays in the USA***: a revised cultural guide to American holiday celebrations and traditions



Distance Education and Online Initiatives

The Materials Branch utilizes the latest technology to deliver several distance education programs and web 2.0 resources.

E-Teacher Scholarship Program

The E-Teacher Scholarship Program offers international English teaching professionals the opportunity to take seven innovative online graduate-level classes through the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the University of Oregon. Participants explore major areas of the Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) academic specialty.

"Shaping the Way We Teach English" Webinars

The Office of English Language Programs offers a series of webinar courses for teachers worldwide on a variety of methodology topics that foster interactive, student-centered language instruction. Participants engage in a dynamic online community of practice using a Ning site and earn an e-certificate of participation if they attend a majority of the webinar sessions in a series.

American English Web Portal americanenglish.state.gov

American English (AE) is a one-stop shop with links to resources for teachers and students of the English language and American culture. As it grows, AE will contain a library of webinars, host professional and educational forums, and link users to English education social media. A mobile interface is coming soon!

Trace Effects (Access English Online)

This innovative language learning video game will complement students' classroom English language instruction through interactive 3-D multimedia learning activities. Geared toward young people, Trace Effects exposes users to American society and explores themes related to community activism, entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, female empowerment, science and innovation, and mutual understanding. Trace Effects debuts worldwide in Summer 2012.



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